

# SENATE BILL 825

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By: **Senators Currie, Raskin, and Simonaire**  
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2011  
Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Development and Review of Content Standards for Chess**  
3 **Instruction**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Department of Education to develop and  
5 review content standards for chess instruction in public schools; authorizing  
6 county boards of education to implement certain instruction in certain schools  
7 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the implementation of  
8 chess instruction in the public schools in the State.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article – Education  
11 Section 4–111.1  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

14 Preamble

15 WHEREAS, Chess increases strategic thinking skills, stimulates intellectual  
16 creativity, and improves problem–solving ability while raising self–esteem; and

17 WHEREAS, When students play chess, they must call on higher–order thinking  
18 skills, analyze actions and consequences, and visualize future possibilities; and

19 WHEREAS, In countries where chess is offered widely in schools, students excel  
20 in math and science; and

21 WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Maryland has declared the importance  
22 of promoting science, technology, engineering, and math education in the public  
23 schools to prepare students for the future and to allow Maryland to lead the nation in  
24 the number of science and technology jobs; now, therefore,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Education**

4 **4–111.1.**

5 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP AND REVIEW CONTENT**  
6 **STANDARDS FOR CHESS INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

7 **(B) IF THE DEPARTMENT DEVELOPS, REVIEWS, AND APPROVES**  
8 **CONTENT STANDARDS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, A COUNTY**  
9 **BOARD MAY IMPLEMENT THE CHESS INSTRUCTION IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE,**  
10 **OR HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2011.